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SUBJECT: MORNING SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT REPORTS

,EGYPT FIRMLY OPPOSED TO ISRAEL IN UNESCO

AN EGYPTIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL TOLD EMBASSY CAIRO
NOVEMBER 4 THAT EGYPT WILL CONTINUE TO OPPOSE ISRAELI
PARTICIPATION IN UNESCO AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL FORUMS
WHENEVER IT DEEMS SUCH OPPOSITION ADVANTAGEOUS. HE
ADDED:

--EGYPT'S POSITION STEMS FROM ISRAELI POLICY IN THE
OCCUPIED TERRITORIES, WHICH HAS BECOME, IF ANYTHING,
MORE AGGRESSIVE SINCE SINAI II.

--THE FUTURE OF UNESCO IS LESS IMPORTANT TO EGYPT
THAN IS THE NEED TO RESPOND TO ISRAEL'S AGGRESSIVE
POLICY.

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--EGYPT COULD PROBABLY ACCEPT A CONSENSUS DECISION BY THE UNESCO CONFERENCE, BUT, SHOULD A VOTE BE TAKEN, EGYPT WOULD BE FORCED TO VOTE AGAINST ISRAEL.

EMBASSY COMMENT: CONCERNED EGYPTIAN OFFICIALS ARE CONVINCED THAT CONCILIATORY MOVES ON THEIR PART HAVE HAD NO IMPACT ON ISRAELI POLICY IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES, ESPECIALLY SETTLEMENT POLICY. (CONFIDENTIAL) CAIRO 15127, 11/4.

2. WILLY BRANDT: OLD CHANCELLORS DON'T FADE AWAY

AUSTRIAN CHANCELLOR KREISKY TOLD THE PRESS NOVEMBER 2 THAT FORMER GERMAN CHANCELLOR BRANDT HAS AGREED TO ACCEPT THE PRESIDENCY OF THE SOCIALIST INTERNATIONAL AND IS EXPECTED TO BE ELECTED AT THE INTERNATIONAL'S MEETING IN LATE NOVEMBER. EMBASSY VIENNA ALSO REPORTS THAT, ACCORDING TO ARBEITER ZEITUNG, THE INTERNATIONAL HAS DECIDED TO SEND A HIGH-RANKING DELEGATION--INCLUDING BRANDT, OLAF PALME AND HAROLD WILSON--TO THE US TO STUDY THE CHANCES OF DEMOCRATIC SOCIALISM HERE. (UNCLASSIFIED) VIENNA 9096, 11/4.

3. JAPAN-ROK: A HALF-HEARTED PROTEST

THE JAPANESE EMBASSY IN SEOUL ON OCTOBER 29 PROTESTED FOUR INCIDENTS IN WHICH JAPANESE FISHING VESSELS IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS HAD BEEN BOARDED OR CHASED BY ROK PATROLS. EMBASSY SEOUL NOTES THE KOREAN ACTIONS WERE MOTIVATED BY REPORTS THAT NORTH KOREAN INFILTRATION BOATS HAVE BEEN FLYING THE JAPANESE FLAG. A JAPANESE EMBASSY OFFICER TOLD THE EMBASSY THAT HIS GOVERNMENT WAS SYMPATHETIC TO KOREA'S SECURITY PROBLEMS, BUT HAD BEEN FORCED BY SOCIALIST PRESSURE IN THE DIET TO MAKE THE PROTEST.

EMBASSY COMMENT: WE SHOULD TREAT THIS AS A PROBLEM TO BE RESOLVED BY THE ROK AND JAPAN. (SECRET) SEOUL 8840, 11/4 AND (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE) SEOUL 8841, 11/4. KISSINGER

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